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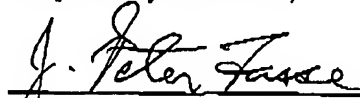
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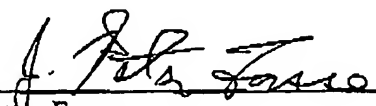
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Responsive to the action mailed October 31, 2003, applicants elect the invention of Group I, claims 1 to 28 and 39 to 43. In addition, applicants elect Species A directed toward analyzing atherosclerotic plaque. The election is made without traverse.

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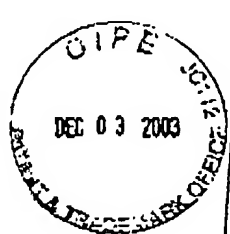
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